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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of January 23, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 23, 2007, with the present response being filed by the two-month due date of March 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.